*267. SHRI AHMED MOHMED BHAI PATEL :Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have decided to improve the services of telephones, post and telegraphs in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the revenue earned by Central Government from the State during 1991-92 and 1992-93 has been higher in comparison to other States;

(c) if so how much amount was spent on these services during the above period in the State;

(d) to what extent the posts telegraphs and Telephone services will be improved during 1993-94; and

(e) whether all the villages will be provided all the three services and if not by when all the villages in Gujarat will be provided the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : TELECOMMUNICATIONS :

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The comparative figures in respect of revenue earned for all the States are given in Statement I, II, III & IV. (See below)

(c) The amount spent on Telecom. services in Gujarat for operation and Maintenance is Rs. 107.82 crores for 1991-92 and Rs. 130.22 crores for 1992-93.

(d) During 1993-94, it is proposed to provide 81000 new telephone connections and increase the capacity by 126000 lines. 4500 Gram Panchayat villages are proposed to be provided with telephone facilities.

(e) As per the policy of the department, all Grampanchayat villages are proposed to be provided with Telecom. facilities progressively during the 8th Plan. Remaining Villages will be covered with Telecom. facilities progressively during the 9th Plan.

POSTAL :

(a) to (e) Measures to improve postal facilities in Gujarat are being regularly taken in terms of expanding the existing postal network, providing more departmental buildings, upgrading the technology of equipments used in post and mail offices, provision of speedier delivery of mails through the Speed Post network etc. In 1991-92 and 1992-93, the Circle earned revenue of Rs. 58.39 crores and Rs. 66.51 crores respectively. The amount incurred in running the services during the same period came to Rs. 89.29 crores and Rs. 100.32 crores respectively.

While the postal revenues in the State of Gujarat for the year 1991-92 and 92-93 are higher than some of other States, no real comparison can be made because the revenue depends on the area of the State, its population, the state of industrial and agricultural development, the number of post offices and the nature of postal business in that State.

In 1993-94, it is targetted to open 28 post offices of which 13 have already been opened. There are 5183 gram panchayats in Gujarat which do not have any post offices at present. In keeping with Government's policy of giving priority for providing post offices in Gram Panchayat areas, where no such facility exists, these areas will be progressively covered, subject to availability of resources, allocation of target by the Planning Commission, and satisfaction of norms

As part of the overall development of services in the Department of Posts, 16 PC based multi-purpose counter machines were installed in Gujarat in 1991-92.

Another 125 such machines are planned to be installed during the period 31-3-92 to 31-3-94.

For the year 1992-93, 11 departmental buildings were completed as part of the programme to provide better working conditions. Construction of 53 departmental buildings is in progress.

Under a scheme to transmit money orders through satellite, 3 stations in Gujarat are planned to be covered during the current Five Year Plan.

Statement-I

*Statment showing Circle-wise Revenue Receipts during* 1991-92 *&* 1992-93

(Rupees in Crores)

| Sl. No. | Name of Circle | 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 305.72 | 403.95 |
| 2. | Assam | 35.74 | 50.71 |
| 3. | Bihar | 85.50 | 116.11 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 372.47 | 455.83 Highest |
| 5. | Haryana | 67.88 | 93.45 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 18.34 | 22.29 |
| 7. | J&K | 17.67 | 23.11 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 316.98 | 396.48 |
| 9. | Kerala | 169.65 | 249.20 |
| 10. | M.P. | 163.66 | 213.95 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 319.13 | 402.43 |
| 12. | N.E. | 22.09 | 25.80 |
| 13. | Orissa | 52.51 | 60.64 |
| 14. | Punjab | 172.30 | 235.50 |
| 15. | Rajasthan | 134.07 | 184.11 |
| 16. | Tamilnadu | 237.56 | 301.68 |
| 17. | U.P. | 227.55 | 304.11 |
| 18. | W.B. | 44.07 | 48.97 |

Statement-II

*Average revenue per direct Exchange Line in a Month*

(In Rs.)

| Sl. No. | Unit | Actual 1992-93 | 1991-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Metro Districts/MTNL** | | |
| 1. | Bombay | 1105 | 915 |
| 2. | Calcutta | 838 | 723 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Delhi | 1039 | 899 |
| 4. | Madras | 1240 | 1085 |
| **Telecom Circles** | | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 788 | 727 |
| 2. | Assam | 876 | 772 |
| 3. | Bihar | 732 | 636 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 696 | 636 |
| 5. | Haryana | 562 | 515 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 341 | 391 |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | 565 | 498 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 789 | 748 **Highest** |
| 9. | Kerala | 570 | 501 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 556 | 593 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 739 | 685 |
| 12. | North East | 691 | 636 |
| 13. | Orissa | 620 | 578 |
| 14. | Punjab | 767 | 684 |
| 15. | Rajasthan | 683 | 634 |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu | 714 | 644 |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | 630 | 565 |
| 18. | West Bengal | 496 | 539 |

**Statement-III**

*Average Revenue per Telex Line in a Month*

(In Rs.)

| Sl. No. | Unit | 1992-93 | 1991-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| *Metro Districts/MTNL* | | | |
| 1. | Bombay | 3455 | 3967 |
| 2. | Calcutta | 2787 | 2917 |
| 3. | Delhi | 2997 | 3683 |
| 4. | Madras | 3990 | 4065 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *Telecom Circles :* | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 3199 | 3204 |
| 2. | Assam | 1366 | 932 |
| 3. | Bihar | 1689 | 705 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 2190 | 2293 |
| 5. | Haryana | 1656 | 1617 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 1256 | 2180 |
| 7. | Jammu and Kashmir | 2021 | 1204 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 3509 | 3596 |
| 9. | Kerala | 2973 | 2547 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 1806 | 1884 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 2228 | 2479 |
| 12. | North East | 1501 | 1555 |
| 13. | Orissa | 2335 | 2419 |
| 14. | Punjab | 2127 | 2287 |
| 15. | Rajasthan | 2000 | N.A. |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu | 2773 | 2922 |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | 1497 | 1917 |
| 18. | West Bengal | 2524 | 2202 |

Statement-IV

*Average Revenue per Telegram Booked*

(In Rs.)

| Sl. No. | Unit | 1992-93 | 1991-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | *Telecommunication Circles:* | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 12.48 | 8.05 |
| 2. | Assam | 18.15 | 26.47 |
| 3. | Bihar | 21.02 | 24.75 |
| 4. | Delhi Telegraph | 25.22 | 21.72 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 18.58 | 15.13 |
| 6. | Haryana | 11.08 | 10.90 |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | 10.23 | 6.78 |
| 8. | Jammu & Kashmir | 10.12 | 10.28 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 12.77 | 12.63 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10. | Kerala | 16.47 | 15.82 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 20.10 | 16.08 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 17.05 | 18.32 |
| 13. | North East | 24.88 | 24.92 |
| 14. | Orissa | 16.43 | 14.55 |
| 15. | Punjab | 17.68 | 17.33 |
| 16. | Rajasthan | 21.45 | 17.43 |
| 17. | Tamil Nadu | 6.40 | 7.20 |
| 18. | Uttar Pradesh | 9.47 | 6.07 |
| 19. | West Bengal | 19.77 | 25.73 |

## REPEATING SERIALS ARE FILMS BY DOORDARSHAN

*268. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION and BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has been repeating telecast of serials and feature films on almost all its channels;

(b) what are the details of TV serials and feature films which have been repeated duly indicating the number of times these were shown by Doordarshan;

(c) the reasons for repeating programmes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure telecasting of fresh and good quality programmes by Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir. Retelecast of serials and other programmes is an established practice followed by television networks all over the world.

(b) Such details are not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(c) Retelecast of serials and other programmes is resorted to for a number of reasons viz. popularity of programme, specific requirement on special occasion and other exigencies.

(d) Doordarshan has prioritised 118 new serials for telecast on the primary channel for meeting its programme requirements. The procedure for selection of films has also been changed to bring about an improvement in the quality/ vintage of the films.

## EXPENDITURE ON ADVERTISEMENTS

*269. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount spent by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigm Ltd., Delhi on advertisements during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(b) what is the value of advertisements given to the newspapers, language-wise during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Delhi Unit spent the following amount on advertisement during the last three years.